### Background
A rater is a permanent member of staff nominated by the principal to provide their professional assessment of each SRS applicant's:
- 5 aptitudes.

### Rater schedule
SRS applications open on Wednesday 1 April and close at midnight on Sunday 20 September.

UAC will send emails to relevant school principals each time one or more students submit an SRS application. Raters can start rating applicants via SRS Schools progressively.

All SRS ratings must be finalised by midnight Wednesday 30 September.

### 5 aptitude categories
- Capacity for abstract thought and analysis
- Ability to organise ideas and articulate a position orally and in written form
- Ability to work and learn independently
- Motivation to achieve long-term goals
- Capacity for tertiary study

#### Rating scale:
- Exceptional
- Very good
- Good
- Adequate
- Inadequate

### Rater template
In order to assist schools in collating their ratings, a rater template is available at uac.edu.au/schools/srs-schools.

### How ratings are used
Institutions will use ratings and other information to determine which applicants they will make SRS offers to.

Detailed information on how each institution will determine its SRS offers is available at uac.edu.au/srs-criteria.